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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jeremy C. Schade, 28, of Janesville, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 220 years in prison without parole for manufacturing child pornography. Schade pleaded guilty to eight charges on February 8, 2007.

Between June 2002 and October 2006, the defendant sexually assaulted six children and filmed the assaults. The movies show the following: Schade sexually assaulting five different children; Schade directing and instructing two minors to have sexual intercourse; a child undressing masturbating, and spreading his legs for the camera at Schade's direction; and Schade pulling down the pants of a minor and zooming the camera in on the minor's groin and anal area.

Schade's sentence was increased because several of the victims were under twelve years old; a sexual act or sexual contact occurred in all but two of the videos; some of the material portrayed sadistic or masochistic behavior; and because he engaged in pattern of activity involving prohibited sexual contact. Based on all of these factors, Schade's federal sentencing guideline range was life in prison.

Judge Shabaz noted that the impact of Schade's actions on the victims was extensive and that he presented a significant danger to society if he was ever released from custody. To ensure Schade truly received a life sentence, Judge Shabaz sentenced Schade to the maximum term or imprisonment for each charge, with each term to run consecutively. Based on this sentence, Schade's earliest possible release date is 2194.

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The charges against Schade were the result of an investigation conducted by the Janesville Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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